

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Yet by running anti Kerry propaganda they are abusing their right to the public air waves. This "documentary" is nothing but an end run around the rules, enabling Sinclair to make a donation in kind to the radical right.

This is not their first abuse of their power. It was only recently that Sinclair dishonored our fallen war heros by demanding that their ABC affiliates not broadcast a special NIGHTLINE honoring them. They should be ashamed and their license revoked.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.